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SUBJECT: GRC DENIES POLITICAL ASYLUM TO FOUR HIGH-
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REF: A) YAOUNDE 856 B) YAOUNDE 579
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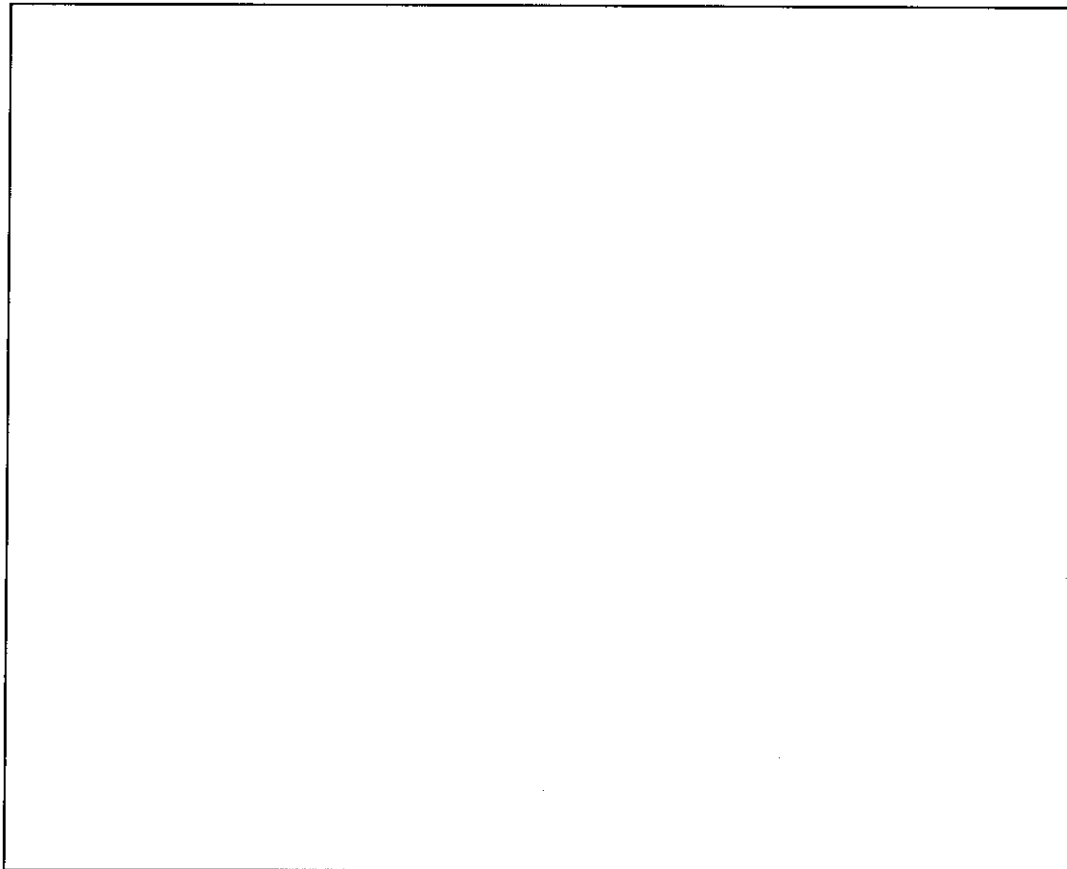
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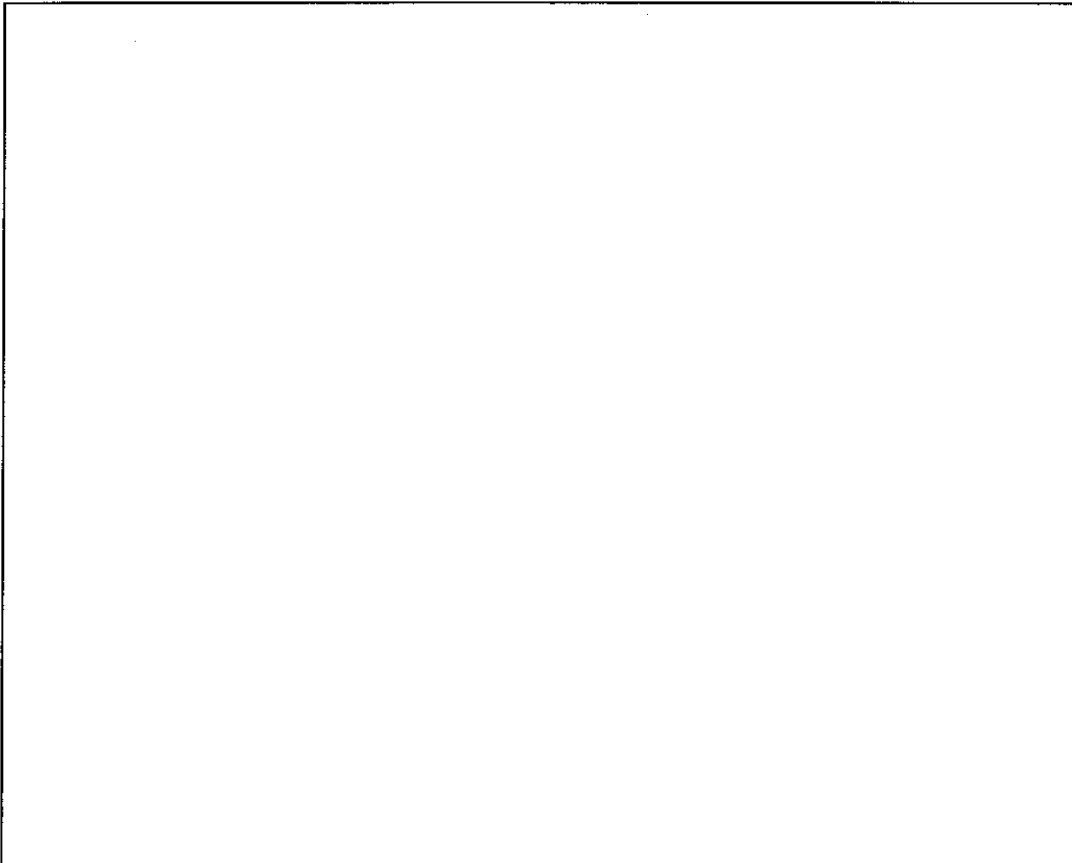
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